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Switzerland has made a defiant reply to the demands of Bismarck. The Chancellor has been forced to modify his plans. He is endeavoring to retaliate on the little republic in other ways. The Emperor Augusta has joined the Catholic Church. The Reichstag will meet in the near future.

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BERLIN, July 13.—The reply of the Swiss Bundesrat was received at the Foreign Office yesterday evening. Though civil in tone, it is none the less defiant, and is throughout a vindication of the rights of refugees and of Swiss action toward German police agents.

The note permits that the arrest and expulsion of Wohlgemuth were fully justified, and says:

"The Bundesrat must further adhere to its interpretation of article second of the settlement treaty of 1856, which in no wise restricts the right of the two Governments to receive in their respective territories anyone they deem fit. The Bundesrat must insist all the more upon its rights being respected as firmly determined to fulfill its international obligations."

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The tenor of the reply was communicated to the German Minister at Bern early in the week. The communication was no signal for the adoption of stringent measures for the scrutiny of travelers crossing the Swiss frontier, baggage being merely searched and delayed.

Today's National Zeitung denies that these regulations are reprisals and declares that they are due to directions from the Imperial customs officials influenced by the Government. The Swiss Cantonal authorities, believing otherwise, direct travelers to proceed through Austrian territory, via Brezau. The attitude of the Swiss Government probably strengthened by the knowledge that Prince Bismarck's measures to Swiss neutrality occasions dissatisfaction. The Emperor was greatly displeased by the dispatches. His Majesty has advised Prince Bismarck to modify his tone and thus avoid aggravating the difficulty. As a result, the semi-official papers are moderate in their expressions of hostility toward Switzerland.

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The North German Gazette to-night, commenting on the situation, contains no suggestion assailing Swiss neutrality, nor even a denunciation of the "settlement" treaty. The Gazette explains that the settlement of June 5 was the outcome of an understanding with Russia, and proceeds to show that its object was, by giving it the tone and tenor of an identical one, to present a united front at the same time, to accentuate the impression it was intended to produce.

Its purpose is to show that the Swiss authorities giving due consideration to the Russian representations, and it is expected that they will ultimately recognize the German claims. The Gazette is a less and less expeditious manner. The diplomatic action of Germany is aimed at the Social democracy of Switzerland. The Swiss Empire itself this policy is directed only in so far as elements hostile to the German Empire are protected and promoted there.

THE TROUBLE NOT ENDED.

To combat these elements is the task of the Imperial police, and the fight will not be abandoned until the task is fulfilled. This is an obvious check to the Bismarckian "bounce," over which the opposition journals will rejoice.

It is expected that the autumn session of the Reichstag will begin about the middle of October. It will be the last session of the present Reichstag. The Emperor will resume business at the end of September, dealing first with the press regulations and revising the Social law. During the Emperor's sojourn in England, the Emperor will go to Monza to meet the Queen of Italy.

Advices from Munich announce the suicide of Lady Acton, the sister of the German Minister at Washington. She was residing with the family at Count Reussel's, in a villa adjacent to Tegernsee. Yesterday she took a small boat and went rowing alone on the lake, and when she was some distance from shore

she had previously shown symptoms of mental disorder. Her husband died recently. Court circles are talking about the conversion of the Empress Augusta Victoria to the Catholic Church.

She made a profession of faith before Abbe Radtke, who is attached to the household of Prince Radziwill. Count Reussel, the Emperor's Grand Marshal, himself a Catholic, witnessed the ceremony in company with Prince Radziwill. The Emperor had previously been apprised of her intention.

The Catholic Electoral Congress at Munich has been postponed until September 15. Prince Loewenstein-Wertheim will preside. Local committees are being formed in every village throughout the north, giving promise of the most vigorous and best organized campaign that the Center party has ever known.

AN IMPORTANT DISPUTE.

The Berlin press is absorbed in a dispute over the relative positions of Prince Bismarck and Count von Waldersee. The North German Gazette, speaking for the Emperor, was attacked as trying to influence the German foreign policy, finds it necessary to announce that the article in question was not officially inspired.

Severe thunder storms prevailed throughout Central Germany yesterday, sweeping over Westphalia, and Thuringia, doing much damage. A number of buildings were struck by lightning.

The poet Hammerling has died at Glat.

FIRED FROM THE FLOOR.

Members of the French Chamber of Deputies Forced to Leave.

PARIS, July 13.—In the Chamber of Deputies today M. Vietti introduced a bill providing that no one shall be allowed to contest more than one seat at the same time. M. Cluseret moved the previous question. The motion was rejected by a vote of 331 to 200, and urgency was granted for the bill. At this point M. Pherise ascended the tribune and insisted upon speaking. For this action he was censured by the President of the Chamber, who also ordered his temporary exclusion from the House. The Chamber then took a short recess. Upon resuming, M. Pherise was still in the tribune.

The captain of the Palais Bourbon, with a detachment of soldiers thereupon entered the House and requested M. Pherise to descend from the tribune. M. Pherise replied that he was there by virtue of the mandate of the electors and would yield only to force. The captain then placed his hand upon M. Pherise's shoulder and quietly conducted him outside the House. M. Vietti's measure afterward passed by a vote of 304 to 229.

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